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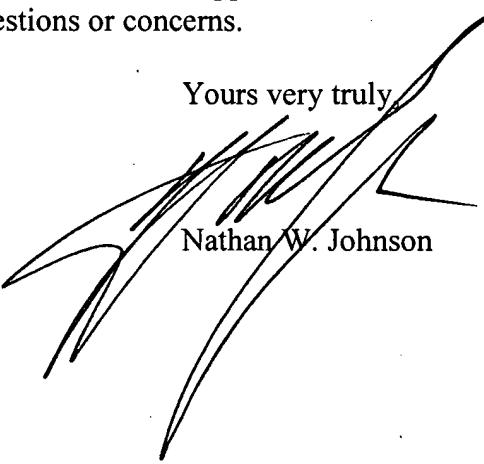
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**RE:** App. Ser. No.: 10/774,544  
**Filing Date:** February 9, 2004  
**Inventor:** Holmes, M.  
**Title:** Locking Device and Method for Securing  
Telescoped Pipe  
**Responsive to:** Office Action of 2/24/05  
**Examiner:** John C. Hong  
**Art Unit:** 3726

Dear Commissioner:

Please find enclosed a **Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment and Remarks** with respect to U.S. Trademark Application No. 10/774,544. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours very truly,



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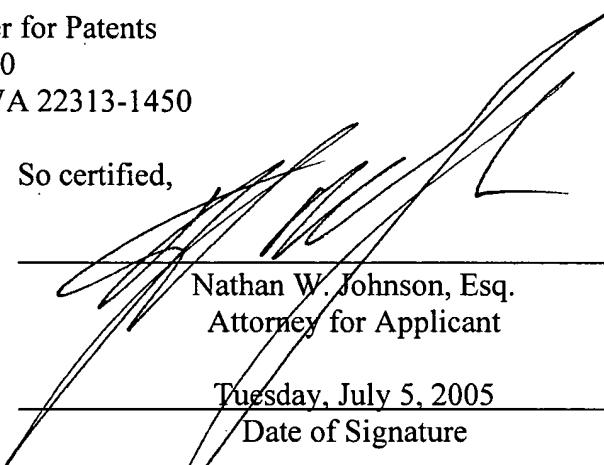
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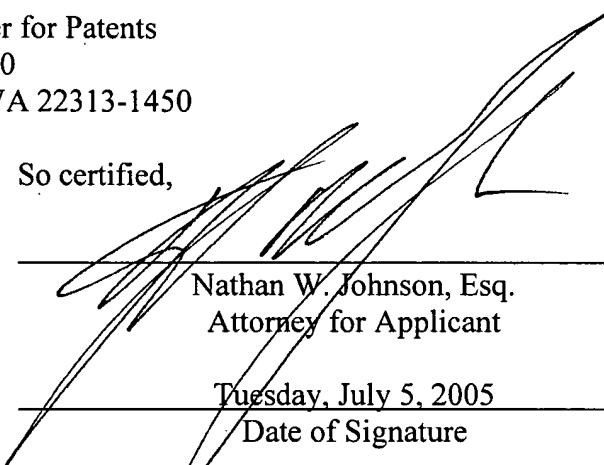
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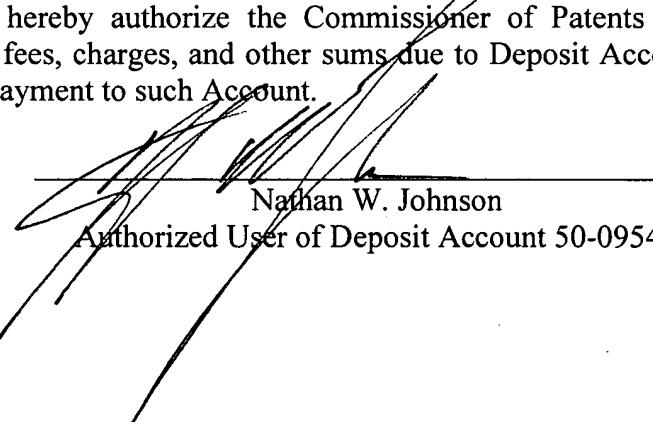
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